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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging about steady to weak. Retail demand was mostly light to fair; food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement remained light and selective. Breast items were at least adequate to ample and often discounted, and dark meat was readily available. Wings, however, were in the best balance and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 at 80.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.00 cents last year on July 30, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	255.50
BREASTS - B/S	230.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	129.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.00
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	117.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was light to fair, but improved where first of the month ads are planned or in progress. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Breast items were fully adequate to ample and frequently discounted, and dark meat was readily available. Wings were in balance and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was cautious and selective during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenderloins were fully adequate to ample. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were adequate.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Offerings were more than sufficient for the light and cautious trade interest. Movement overall continued apathetic, light to fair, occasionally better into some fast food outlets. Ads noted in retail outlets; 40% off full line; cut-up whole fryer \$1.00 per pound; whole birds 88 and 79 cents; roasters at 99 cents; boneless/skinless breasts \$2.69, \$2.49 and \$1.98; drums/thighs \$1.00 and 99 cents; IQF boneless/skinless thighs at \$6.99 for 64 oz.; leg quarters 75 and 49 cents. Floor stocks were hand to mouth; weights desirable to trending heavy. Offerings on parts were moderate to heavy with wings in best position. The market tone on wings was steady to fully steady, drums steady and all other parts barely steady to weak.

**WESTERN** The market tone was about steady. Offerings remained adequate on sized product and confidently held; however, heavier weights were at least fully adequate for trade needs with discounts noted. Buying activity was only fair with buyers' watching further market developments. Retailer demand was fairly good with best interest aimed at promotions. Floor stocks in good balance with current needs. Trade sentiment was mixed on parts with breasts in the weakest position.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 07/24/04	2004	2003
EGGS SET	212,608	207,442
CHICKS PLACED	173,164	167,909
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+02
		+03

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 24, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 24, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 24, 2004 were 5.16 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Sep-04 is estimated at 160.0 million head. This compares to 161.1 million head the previous week and to 156.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 138.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.18 cents per pound.

JULY 27, 2004

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 28, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	926	170.00-304.00	174-180	176.10	BREAST - B/S	851	173.00-304.00	179-185	182.01
TENDERLOINS	185	200.00-280.00	215-220	219.70	TENDERLOINS	228	200.00-278.00	210-220	219.65
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	122.00-133.00	125-128	126.75	BREAST - LINE RUN	83	122.00-132.00	124-128	125.76
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	73	38.00-57.00	38-40	41.18	LEGS	68	35.00-57.00	38-40	39.28
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	492	24.00-31.00	27	27.07	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	506	24.00-31.00	27-28	26.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	971	26.00-35.00	-	29.00	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,050	25.00-37.00	-	28.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	94.00-113.00	94-98	99.82	WINGS (WHOLE)	303	96.00-113.00	96-98	100.05
WINGS (CUT)	508	112.00-119.00	117-119	116.85	WINGS (CUT)	590	114.00-119.00	115-118	116.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 68.00	65.11	59.50-66.50	62.84	65.30

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity remained light and selective during midweek trading as dealers continued with a cautious posture. Offerings of breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items and and tenderloins; no better than steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. JULY 27, 2004

JULY 27, 2004				JULY 28, 2004			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD		ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	200-205	193.85	844,389	BREAST - B/S	200-205	199.10	534,306
TENDERLOINS	225	204.34	195,250	TENDERLOINS	220-225	218.99	109,500
BREAST - WITH RIBS	115-117	121.81	124,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	113-114	122.73	89,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	115	119.38	82,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	113	116.65	76,920
LEGS	49-50	43.62	305,800	LEGS	49-50	45.78	317,798
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	34.37	448,195	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	34.66	267,254
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	44.94	158,140	DRUMSTICKS	42-43	41.12	158,560
THIGHS	35-36	46.16	85,820	THIGHS	35-36	46.81	47,360
B/S THIGHS	95-96	94.80	113,200	B/S THIGHS	95-96	93.36	72,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	101.55	145,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	106.00	151,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.21	28,080	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	39,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	26.22	21,800	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	26.42	12,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.02	21,600	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.22	24,040

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	07/28	07/27	07/26	07/23	07/26	07/23	07/21	07/19
Alabama	3,757	3,701	3,621	4,562	5.26	5.05	3,969	5.17
Arkansas	5,471	5,452	5,476	5,180	5.12	5.08	5,468	5.13
Delmarva	2,230	2,212	2,267	1,734	5.59	5.52	2,261	5.63
KY-LA-TN	2,118	2,109	2,062	2,126	5.01	4.62	2,016	5.09
Mississippi	3,082	3,069	2,994	3,290	5.39	5.28	3,007	5.46
North								
Carolina	2,524	2,492	2,421	2,973	6.28	6.19	2,429	6.19
Texas	2,456	2,437	2,498	2,802	5.16	5.12	2,504	5.27
Total	21,638	21,472	21,339	22,667	5.36	5.24	21,654	5.36
Mon-Wed	65,030 (A)						64,590 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jul-04 is estimated to be 32,373,000 head down 0.37 percent from a week ago and up 3.49 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,494,000, last year 31,281,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	78-83
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	109
	DRY PACK	116
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108
	DRY PACK	110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		162-185

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-JULY-04

	CURRENT WEEK 07/31/04 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/24/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	166,810 (2)	162,850
LT HENS	1,465	1,522
HVY HENS	1,484	1,455
CHECK TOTAL	169,759	165,827

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Jul-04 is 166.4 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.1 million head or 0.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-Aug-04 the estimated available is 164.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 07/26/04	197,851	54,492
AM 07/01/04	197,449	57,329
CHG	402	-2,837
PCT CHG	0	-5

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/26/04	07/19/04	07/28/03	07/26/04	07/19/04	07/28/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	9,335	9,227	16,868	5,409	5,040	7,715
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	350	352	200	4,046	3,498	2,926

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 26, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-70
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 07/27/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	10.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	1.45	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.65	2.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.05	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.75	1.05	.89	RABBITS ea.	-	1.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.25	3.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.75	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 44							

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 23, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	68.71	127.10	87.38	11.92	15.89	45.68
High	69.91	131.07	95.33	19.86	19.86	45.68
Mostly	69.51	127.10	87.38	15.89	19.86	45.68

**SAN JUAN**

Low	68.32	127.10	87.38	11.92	15.89	47.66
High	69.51	131.07	95.33	19.86	19.86	47.66
Mostly	69.11	127.10	87.38	15.89	15.89	47.66

**NEW SAN JUAN**

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**BECERRA**

Low	69.11	127.10	87.38	15.89	15.89	47.66
High	69.51	131.07	95.33	19.86	19.86	47.66
Mostly	69.11	131.07	95.33	15.89	19.86	47.66

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable, instances light. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 74 to 91 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Breast cuts were in the heavier balance and slower to clear.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	67-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	76.39
NO. OF BOXES	6,982

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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